format accommodating just one time unit such as seconds. Although the Examiner points to column 4, lines 63-65, to demonstrate that Kondo shows the above-quoted address converting limitation, this portion teaches nothing of the kind. Instead, it merely describes that ATIP circuit reads time information that is supplied to the control CPU 45. Kondo does not state that this reading involves the conversion of the two time unit format used in the TOC 154 to a one time unit format. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

In view of this discussion, withdrawal of the reaction of claims 5-9 is respectfully requested.

Notwithstanding the above, Applicants submit that claim 7 is patentable over Kondo for at least the following reason. The reading of the TOC in Kondo is asserted by the Examiner to include a pause time. Applicants do not concede that this assertion is true, but even if it were so, it would still not address every limitation of the claim. In particular, claim 7 recites that if a pause is detected <u>at the beginning of the title</u>, then a pause time is determined and <u>added</u> to the start time. Nothing in what the Examiner says on those portions of Kajiyama on which he relies demonstrates the unpatentability of this claim feature.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious, and useful. Consideration and allowance of the claims are requested.

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